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Applicant: Galen R. Hatfield
Serial No.: 09/268,892 ✓
Filing Date: March 16, 1999
Title: AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM AND METHODOLOGY

Group Art Unit: 2881
Examiner: K. Nguyen
Docket No.: D-43025-01

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**SECOND REQUEST FOR STATUS of
Petition Under 37 CFR §1.181 from Premature Final Rejection**

On March 4, 2003, Applicant filed a Petition under 37 CFR §1.181 for withdrawal of the premature final rejection of the above-identified application. On May 6, 2003, Applicant submitted a request for the status of the Petition. Applicant has not received any reply to these submissions, and respectfully requests notice regarding the status of the Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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